



**U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Washington, D.C. 20410

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

POLICY GUIDANCE NUMBER: 95-05		DATE: November 20, 1995
SUBJECT:	Use of Certified Contractors Assurance Statement	
STATUS:	Archived	
APPLICABILITY:	All grant rounds.	
RELATED GUIDANCE:		
COMMENTS:	Superseded by Notice of Funding Availability requirements. This policy guidance will be archived and no longer be referenced.	

Dear Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grantee:

I am writing this letter to remind you that all abatement and hazard reduction contractors performing work under the HUD Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Control Grant Program must be certified either by the State in which the grantee is located or, in the case of authorized local grantees located in States without such certification programs, by a State with a contractor certification program acceptable to HUD and EPA. Certification means more than completing a training course conducted by an accredited training provider. Certification means obtaining a license or certificate issued by a State acceptable to HUD and EPA, based upon the requirements of Appendix E of the HUD Notice of Funds Availability for the LBP Grant Program.

It has come to our attention that not all grantees may be fulfilling this requirement. I want to make it clear that certification is a statutory provision of the Federal act creating the grant program and cannot be waived. It is illegal to use personnel or firms that do not hold valid State-issued certificates. The Special Conditions Clause of your grant agreement states that the grantee shall:

Agree that all inspection and abatement work shall be carried out by the contractor and workers certified and trained under a State-accredited program.

I am therefore requesting that you provide to this office written certification that any abatement or hazard reduction work carried out under this grant program shall be conducted by firms or personnel who meet the above requirements. This includes inspectors and risk assessors as well as abatement and hazard reduction contractors.

Please provide a certification to me by an authorized official within 30 days from the date of this letter which states: "I hereby certify that all firms, abatement supervisors, inspectors, and risk assessors working in the HUD-funded Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant are certified under the laws and regulations of the State (9) of (if known at this time)."

The following States possess lead-based paint abatement contractor certification programs acceptable to HUD and EPA under Appendix E: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellis G. Goldman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Ellis G. Goldman  
Director, Program Management Division